

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

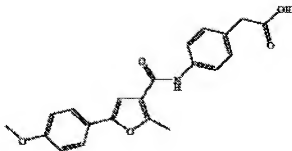
Claims 8-10, 16 and 17 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 1-7, 11-15 and 18 are pending. The claims have been amended, without prejudice, to advance prosecution. Claim 1 has been revised to exclude matter prosecuted in application no. 10/961,831, issued as U.S. Patent No. 7,417,068, which is commonly owned.

An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO 1449 Forms listing art considered by the present Examiner during the prosecution of application no. 10/961,831 is being filed concurrently herewith. The undersigned has separately requested on October 17, 2008 that the PTO EBC transfer the art contained in the PTO IFW to the PTO IFW of the present application for consideration in the present application. Any assistance the Examiner could offer in this regard will be appreciated. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone in the event the Examiner next reaches the application for Action and the cited art is not contained in the PTO IFW for the above.

The applicants elect the subject matter of the Examiner's Group I for further prosecution.

The applicants further elect, for purposes of initial search, the following species:

(4-([5-(4-Methoxy-phenyl)-2-methyl-furan-3carbonyl]-amino]-phenyl)-acetic acid, which is illustrated at paragraph [0280] and whose synthesis is described at [0282] of the U.S. Patent Office published version of the specification (i.e., US 2007/0135503 A1) and which has the following structure:



Claims 1-7 and 11-13 of the elected Group read on the elected species.

Rejoinder and allowance of any claim defining a method of making and/or using a product defined by an allowable claim, at an appropriate time, are requested.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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